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1. IT IS LONGSTANDING US POLICY, PREDICATED ON A THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF FUNDAMENTAL US NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS, THAT WE COULD AGREE TO RECOGNITION OF THE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT ONLY RPT ONLY AS PART OF AN LOS TREATY. OUR REASONING IS IN PART BASED UPON THE FACT THAT VAST AREAS OF THE OCEAN THAT ARE NOW HIGH SEAS AND OPEN TO FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES WOULD BECOME WATERS SUBJECT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ARCHIPELAGIC

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STATE PURSUANT TO A TREATY. WE HAVE TOLD THE GOI THAT THE REGIME OF ARCHIPELAGIC SEALANES PASSAGE, WHILE ACCEPTABLE AS PART OF AN OVERALL TREATY PACKAGE INCLUDING GENERAL RECOGNITION OF A NARROWLY DEFINED ARCHIPELAGO STATE, WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN THE ABSENCE OF AN LOS TREATY. WE HAVE ALSO TOLD THEM THAT RECOGNITION OF SUCH AN ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AS PART OF A TREATY IS A MAJOR CONCESSION BY THE

US. THE US HAS NOT, HOWEVER, PUBLICLY RPT PUBLICLY
ENDORSED THE CONCEPT EVEN AS PART OF A TREATY.

2. TO THE EXTENT THAT INDONESIA DESIRES RECOGNITION BY
THE MARITIME STATES, INCLUDING THE US, OF THE ARCHIPELAGO
CONCEPT IT IS IN HER INTEREST TO WORK AT THE CONFERENCE
TO ENSURE THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON THE MAJOR
OUTSTANDING ISSUES, ESPECIALLY DEEP SEABED MINING.

3. EMBASSY "COURSE OF ACTION" UNDER I(C) REFTEL SHOULD
BE MODIFIED TO DELETE EVERYTHING AFTER THE FIRST SENTENCE.
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